

### Various Matters.

A son of Secretary Folger is a farmer in Minnesota.

Moses Taylor is the richest merchant in New York. He is worth \$40,000,000.

Florence, the actor, says that President Arthur is the best salmon fisher in America.

It was almost within the shadow of a university that a man was lynched at Athens, Ohio.

Miss Annie Louise Cary is credited with the possession of \$450,000 all earned by singing.

The Attorney-General of Indiana has decided that city Mayors cannot legally marry people.

The *Courier-Journal* says the Louisville ladies trim their bonnets on the congregation side.

The gossips say that Gilbert and Sullivan are to write an operetta on an American subject.

Widower Smith, of Ida, Iowa, married his stepdaughter, and his disapproving neighbors tarred and feathered him.

Mr. A. B. Alcott is said to seldom pass a day without composing a sonnet or stanza. He is eighty-two years old.

In San Francisco variety show performers receive sinecures in the city departments, probably in the interest of high art.

The city of New York now spends on its streets, sewers, and water-pipes about one-third of a million dollars every month.

The assertion is made that at Harvard University, in the last fifty years, no smoking student has graduated at the head of his class.

Mulvaney's famous picture, "Custer's Last charge," is soon to be on exhibition in Louisville for a period of two months. The canvas is 15 by 20 feet in size.

Senator Hill, of Georgia, now speaks with a perceptible lisp, but his physicians assure him that it will wear off, and that the cancer on his tongue may be considered cured.

The remarkable information has been obtained by the *Troy Times* that "in one of the New York theatres half of the actresses are amateurs, and belong to good New York families."

A correspondent of the *Providence Journal* reports that there are rumors in Cambridge, Mass., that Prof. Longfellow is threatened with the growth of a cancer on his face.

Prof Sumner, of Yale, says that the present college fashion is to "teach a bit of Latin, a bit of Greek, a bit of biology, and a bit of something else, so that in the result men hardly know anything."

### Esquire and Mister.

The word Esquire is derived from the French *evuyer*, which means a shield bearer, a gentleman of the lowest rank carrying the escutcheon of the knight or noble to whom he happens to be attached. Now, it is true, that in a country where there is no lowest rank of gentlemen, and where everybody is equal to everybody else, there is no real sense in addressing any one as a shield bearer; yet the custom comes down to us from England, and if people choose to adhere to it, we cannot see that it destroys their morals or undermines their religion.

The word Mister is an abbreviation of the Latin, *magister*, master, and in England it is applied regularly to persons in an inferior social condition. Any mechanic or workingman, who is there looked down upon by the more gorgeous and fortunate portion of mankind—every man in England looks down on somebody and looks up to somebody—is addressed "Mister;" while a gentleman who has no specific title is addressed as "Esquire." In this country there is no such distinction between the two; yet if snobbish people prefer to set it up, they cannot do any serious damage.

A man in his 102d year has been successfully operated on for a cataract at Vienna, and at the end of ten days he was able to return to his native village.

By a return just made it appears that there are in England 4,000 paupers who are ending their days in work houses because their savings were engulfed by fraudulent friendly societies.

On the last monthly settling day the French Government placed \$30,000,000 at the disposal of the Bank of France, to enable it to meet all demands without raising its rate of discount.

London is, it seems, redeemed from the reproach of not having a really first-class restaurant. The "Bristol" has been started by a Parisian. It is splendidly appointed, and its \$2.50 dinner is excellent.

A flirting belle of Akron, Ohio, has caused a social excitement by having all the love letters she has received bound handsomely in a morocco volume for her parlor table, in place of an ordinary autograph album.

### Odds and Ends.

The latest slang among ulstered young men is, "Well, I should shiver."

Gladstone breakfasts at 9:30. William would never make much headway as a farm-hand.

The lady who uses her husband's meerschaum pipe to drive tacks with is no gentleman.

The cantalope patches in the vicinity of Capt. Howgate's boyhood home must have presented a barren aspect.

In the saloon: "Yes, my youthful friend, you have beered, but it will be some time before you have whiskers."

If a book case of books falls on a man and kills him, can it be said of him that he was booked for another world?

One pint of kerosene has made eighty families homeless in Kokomo, Col., assisted by the judgment of one who is now an angel.

The marines in France are to be doubled in strength, doubtless for the purpose of increasing the circulation of French newspapers.

"Is that your little boy?" "No, not exactly; when he was a week old he was left on my doorstep. I am, you may say, his step-father."

We are told that evening "wore on," but we are not told what the evening wore on that particular occasion. Was it the close of a summer's day.

Ottumwa, Iowa, is looking a little speckled over the elopement of a colored cook with a white waiter girl. The problem is, what will be the color of the cookies.

A compositor on the *N. Y. Herald* failed to make out the name of a distinguished foreign arrival; he put it Baron Johannes Hellknowswhatall. He was bounced.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have established a branch in Brooklyn. The other day they arrested a horse pistol for having too much of a load.

Young Lady: "So you're better again, Mr. Grubb?" Grubb: "Well, no Miss. No, I can't say I'm a bit better. Not a bit. I ain't maybe not quite so bad as I was, though. That's all I can say for it."

Robert Browning has written 93,323 lines of poetry.

Of Senator Mahone's eleven children three are living.

Philadelphia has more than 200 professional beggars.

A daughter of Senator Hampton will make her debut this winter.

Central New Hampshire has had good crops of apples four years in succession.